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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, CASC, CG

SUBJECT: REPORTED DISTURBANCES IN NORTHEASTERN ZAIRE

REF: STATE 139774

1. SOURCES HERE, PRIVATE SECTOR AND GOVERNMENTAL, HAVE BEEN
UNABLE TO SHED MUCH LIGHT ON REPORTED DISTURBANCES LAST WEEK
IN NORTHEASTERN ZAIRE:

--MISSIONARIES WHOM WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO CONTACT ARE
NOT REGULARLY IN TOUCH WITH MISSIONARY GROUPS IN AREAS OF
BUNIA AND ABA AND HAVE NO SPECIAL INFO TO PROVIDE.

--CRO/KINSHASA WILEY, WHO DROVE OVERLAND THROUGH
HAUT ZAIRE LAST WEEK, REPORTED TO US THAT FOREIGN COMMUNITY
THERE IN A STATE OF "CONTROLLED PANIC," EXCHANGING RUMORS
OF INSURRECTION AND DEBATING WHETHER TO EVACUATE FAMILIES.
MOST CONCRETE REPORT, ACCORDING TO WILEY, CONCERNED AN
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ATTACK ON BORDER POST FROM SUDAN IN WHICH "REBELS" MADE
OFF WITH SEVERAL HUNDRED BLANK ZAIRE IDENTIFICATION CARDS
(AND APPARENTLY LITTLE ELSE).

--EUROPEAN COMMUNITY RWANDA TRADING SIMILAR RUMORS
AND SCARE STORIES, APPARENTLY WITHOUT MUCH BASIS IN FACT.

--SENIOR RWANDAN MILITARY SOURCES, WHO FOLLOW DEVELOPMENTS CLOSELY ALONG RWANDA'S WESTERN BORDER, REMARK AT HAVING HEARD REPORTS OF HOSTILITIES VIA FRANCE-INTER RADIO, ALONG WITH ZAIRIAN DENIALS, AND ARE PERSUADED THAT NOTHING VERY SERIOUS HAS OCCURRED. ONE OFFICER REMARKED THAT RELIABLE BAROMETER FOR RWANDANS IN PREVIOUS INSTANCES HAS BEEN FLIGHT INTO RWANDA OF ETHNIC NATIONALS LIVING IN NORTH KIVU; IN PRESENT CASE, NO SUCH FLIGHT HAS OCCURRED.

2. COMMENT: WE WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR, BUT OUR BEST READING AT THIS POINT IS THAT ZAIRIAN CLAIMS ARE CORRECT AND RUMOR MILL HAS BLOWN MINOR INCIDENT OUT OF PROPORTION.
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